

TUESDAY, Nov. 8, 1859.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted. The officers of the Senate came forward and severally took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rules of the last Senate were adopted.

Mr. Parsons offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint the usual Standing Committees, and in addition thereto, a Committee on Apportionment.”* Adopted.

Mr. Hyde offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ two porters to serve during the present session.”* Adopted.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of Messrs. Marshall & Oldham, and moved its reference to a Select Committee of five, to act jointly with a like Committee on the part of the House, to investigate fully the charges contained in a pamphlet entitled *“The Public Printing and the Public Printer,”* with full power to take all testimony they may deem necessary to a full investigation of the charges contained in said pamphlet. Petition received and motion carried.

Mr. Guinn offered the following Resolution :

*“Resolved, That the Senate now create the office of Chaplain, whose salary shall be the same as other officers of the Senate.”* Adopted.

Mr. Quinan introduced a Bill to regulate the Public Printing. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Britton moved to suspend the rule and take up the Bill. Lost.

A Message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had organized by the election of the following officers :

M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker ; Wm. L. Chalmers, Chief Clerk ; T. M. Bowers, 1st Assistant Clerk ; Charles A. Crosby, 2nd Assistant Clerk ; Charles Coney, Engrossing Clerk ; Hugh A. Haralson, Enrolling Clerk ; J. A. Menchaca, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Thos. P. Plasters, Door-Keeper ; and that the House had appointed Messrs. Hubbard, Dennis and Stewart a Committee to act with a like Committee of the Senate, to inform the Governor that the Legislature was organized and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

Mr. Walker introduced a Bill supplementary to and amenda-

tory of an Act entitled an Act to provide for pre-emption settlers. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Britton, a Committee was appointed to wait upon the House and inform that body, that the Senate had organized and was ready to proceed to business. Messrs. Britton, Lott and Duggan were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, a Committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the Committee of the House, to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the organization of the Legislature and its readiness to receive any communication he might desire to make. Messrs. Rainey, Shepard and Wigfall were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Hart introduced a Bill to amend the 8th and 9th Sections of an Act to authorize the sale of the Public Domain. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Erath introduced a Bill to reduce the price of the Public Domain of the State of Texas, and to provide for actual settlers on certain portions thereof. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate proceeded to the election of Chaplain.

Mr. Townes nominated Rev. Wm. M. Baker.

Mr. Wigfall nominated Rev. Edward Fontaine.

Mr. Duggan nominated Rev. Wm. H. Seat.

Messrs. Duggan, Dickinson and Hart were appointed tellers.

On the first ballot Mr. Baker received nine votes, Mr. Fontaine seven votes, and Mr. Seat nine votes.

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot, when Mr. Baker received nine votes, Mr. Fontaine nine, and Mr. Seat seven votes.

On the third ballot, Mr. Baker received nine votes, Mr. Fontaine nine, and Mr. Seat seven votes.

On the fourth ballot, Mr. Baker received nine votes, Mr. Fontaine eight, and Mr. Seat seven votes.

On the fifth ballot, Mr. Baker received seven votes, Mr. Fontaine ten, and Mr. Seat eight votes.

On the sixth ballot, Mr. Baker received three votes, Mr. Fontaine twelve, and Mr. Seat ten votes.

There still being no election, the Senate proceeded to the seventh ballot, when Mr. Townes withdrew the name of Mr. Baker; Mr. Fontaine received twelve votes and Mr. Seat received fifteen votes.

Mr. Seat having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9, 1859.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

The President of the Senate announced the following Standing Committees :

*On the Judiciary.*—Messrs. Potter, Stockdale, Shepard, Wigfall, Paschal, Guinn, Quinan, Rainey, Duggan, Townes, Parsons, Throckmorton, Hart and Wallace.

*On Finance.*—Messrs. Grimes, Rainey, Hyde, Lott, Herbert, Dickinson and Gentry.

*On Public Lands.*—Messrs. Walker, Sims, Quinan, Potter, Martin, Townes and Hart.

*On State Affairs.*—Messrs. Wigfall, Shepard, Stockdale, Potter, Chambers, Pitts, Parsons and Paschal.

*On Indian Affairs.*—Messrs. Erath, Britton, Sims, Hyde, Schleicher, Walker and Herbert.

*On Education.*—Messrs. Quinan, Harmon, Scarborough, Britton, Whaley, Hart and Townes.

*On the Penitentiary.*—Messrs. Lott, Shepard, Grimes, Wallace and Gentry.

*On Internal Improvements.*—Messrs. Paschal, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Wigfall, Gentry, Shepard, Martin, Parsons and Townes.

*On Privileges and Elections.*—Messrs. Rainey, Scarborough, Lott, Wigfall, Sims, Dickinson and Wallace.

*On Counties and County Boundaries.*—Messrs. Duggan, Erath, Walker, Schleicher, Hyde, Throckmorton and Harmon.

*On Private Land Claims.*—Messrs. Hyde, Britton, Erath, Rains, Schleicher, Throckmorton and Harmon.

*On Roads, Bridges and Ferries.*—Messrs. Herbert, Walker, Grimes, Fall, Townes, Hart and Gentry.

*On Claims and Accounts.*—Messrs. Guinn, Throckmorton, Whaley, Scarborough, Chambers, Hyde and Townes.

*On Printing and Contingent Expenses.*—Messrs. Scarborough, Lott, Rainey, Duggan and Pitts.

*On Engrossed Bills.*—Messrs. Fall, Lott and Dickinson.

*On Enrolled Bills.*—Messrs. Stockdale, Townes and Whaley.